



**St. Alphege Church**  
**This Week's News**  
**13th October 2019**  
**Harvest**

**A WARM WELCOME** to St. Alphege. It's good to have you with us.  
Do join us for tea, coffee or squash at 10.15am.

**TODAY Retiring collection for Water Aid**

**8.00am Said Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd Dr Sam Gibson,

**9.15am Harvest All Age Worship**

President Revd Jane Kenchington  
Precher Revd Dr Sam Gibson

**Hymns**

**705**

**186**

**478**

**662**

**Screens**

**10.15am Coffee Squash in the Oliver Bird Hall**

**11.00am Choral Eucharist**

President & Preacher Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson  
1st Reader John Emmett      2nd Reader Philip Tew

Music led by Girls and Men

Setting: Mass in C «Spatzen-Messe»      Mozart

Psalm 126

Anthem: Awake the Harp      Haydn

Voluntary: Toccata in D minor 'Dorian' BWV 538 J S Bach

**Hymns**

**259**

**126**

**260**

**Leaflet**

**262**

**1.00pm Baptism**

Revd Canon Andrew Hutchinson baptises Harper Day and Sophie Burke

**6.30pm Choral Evensong**

Officiant & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchington

NT Reader Ann Taylor

OT - Deuteronomy 8. 7-18      NT - Luke 17. 11-19

Music led by Boys and Men

Responses      Reading

Canticles: Evening Service in G Minor      Purcell

Anthem: Thou Visitest the Earth      Greene

Voluntary in D      William Boyce

**Hymns**

**397**

**Ps 65**

**261**

**262**

**THIS WEEK**

Tues 15 9.30am Eucharist in St Antony's Chapel.

10.00am Prayer Group in Room 5

12 noon Funeral of Denise Smith

Wed 16 10.00am Eucharist at St Michael's Chapel, Bryanston Road.

1.10pm Lunchtime Recital - Syska Flutes

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Thur 17 10.30am Eucharist in the Nave

## **COLLECT**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Readings: Genesis 32. 22-31, 2 Timothy 3. 14-4.5, Luke 18. 1-18, Evensong: Nehemiah 8. 9-end, John 16. 1-11.

8am President & Preacher Revd John Bradford, 9.15am & 11 am President & Preacher Revd Jane Kenchington, 6.30pm Choral Evensong Linda Hicks.

## **THIS WEEK PRAY FOR**

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| Monday    | The Parish Growing Leaders course            |
| Tuesday   | Staff of Queens' Theological Foundation      |
| Wednesday | Those imprisoned or tortured for their faith |
| Thursday  | Diocesan office staff                        |
| Friday    | Doctors and medical staff in our town        |
| Saturday  | The work of the Bible Society                |

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY IN NEED**

Rashi Somal, Sarah, Michael, George Hutchinson, Margaret Evans, Jean Williams, Martin H, Mandy, Barbara Abbott, Ellie Mitchell, Verity Munslow, Kate, Joy, Graham Smith, Ruth, Alec Powell, Margaret & Colin James, Helen Greenham, Valerie Powell, Lydia Hunt

## **CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR**

Joulios, Richard Harmon, Ann Roberts, Martin Pashley, Diana Mitchell, Henry Balthazor, Maureen Tallis, Louise Butt, Stephen Foster, Jenny Williams, Jonathan Mark, Stephen John

## **PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED**

Denise Smith, Stuart Mitchell, Geoff Rudge

## **BIBLE READING - Deuteronomy 26. 1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

## **BIBLE READING - Philippians 4. 4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **GOSPEL - John 6. 25-35**

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

## **Notices**

**Funeral of Hilary Soper** is on Monday 14th October at 12.30pm at Robin Hood Crematorium.

**Change into Action Scheme.** SCAH and a number of other organisations have teamed together to launch this new initiative. It is an "alternative giving scheme", meaning that rather than giving change to people asking for it on the High St, members of the public make donations online or at particular points in the town centre. The funds are held by SCAH then applied for by organisations who work with the homeless and those at risk, so that the money goes directly towards helping people improve their circumstances. To donate by card, find out more or **to find a current list of donation points** (this will grow as the scheme grows!) see [changeintoaction.org.uk/solihull](http://changeintoaction.org.uk/solihull). In the meantime, Sporting Barbers (High St, opposite Carlucio's) is the closest donation point to St Alphege. Cash donations can also be made at Specsavers in Solihull and ASDA in Shirley

**Newcomers Lunch.** Have you started worshipping with us since January? You and your family are invited to a welcome lunch with Jane and Sam on Sunday 20th October, 12.30pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know one another better and see what is going on in our church community. No cost, and you don't need to bring anything! To RSVP email the Parish Office: [office@solihullparish.org.uk](mailto:office@solihullparish.org.uk) by Monday 14th October.

**St Michael's Macmillan coffee morning** raised £500 including gift aid. Many thanks to all who supported this event.

**Guardians AGM** to be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.30pm in the OBH. All members are most welcome to attend.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

**Tues 15th, 7 pm - 7.30pm, 20 Thornby Avenue, Prayer for Youth Ministry in the Parish.**

**Wed 16th, 1.10pm, St Alphege Church, Lunchtime Recital** - Syska Flutes, who will be fundraising for Myton House Hospice. Refreshments from 12.30pm. Free admission, all welcome.

**Wed 23rd, 1.10pm - Alex Woodrow, Organ** - Refreshments from 12.30. Free admission, all welcome.

**Wed 30th, 1.10pm - Harpists from the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire** - Refreshments available. Free admission, all welcome.

### November

**Fri 1st, 5.30pm - 10.30pm, (Sat 2nd, 12 noon - 10.00pm) OBH, St Alphege Beer Festival.** Real ales, cider, wine, food and live entertainment. Offer of help for an hour or two most welcome. Please contact Isabel Baumber on 07730 981038 or email: [isabelbaumber@btinternet.com](mailto:isabelbaumber@btinternet.com).

**Sat 2nd, 9 am - 10.30 am, Christian Men Together Breakfast at Greville Arms,** Cornyx Lane, Solihull, B91 2RB. Breakfast with Bob Telford, £5 with good company. To book and for more information contact Andrew Williams - [arwilliams399@gmail.com](mailto:arwilliams399@gmail.com).

**Sat 2nd, 1 pm- 4pm, Last Churchyard tidy up session in 2019.** Please note change of time - details from 711 1726.

## NOTICES

**Just Explore:** a course on Thursday evenings to **explore the key aspects of Christian Faith.** Many have benefited from this course, which is good for those who are exploring Christianity, for those who would like to refresh their faith and for those who are considering confirmation. Lots of opportunity to discuss and raise questions. This year the course starts on Thursday 7th November in the OBH. More details on [www.solihullparish.org.uk](http://www.solihullparish.org.uk) and look under the three menu dots on the right hand side of the home page, or contact Andrew Williams - [arwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:arwilliams@gmail.com)

**St Alphege Infant and Nursery School Open Events.** Tuesday 26th November 2019 at 9.30am. Friday 25th October at 2pm. Events last approximately 45 minutes, including a tour and Head Teacher address. Please contact the school office to book a place via email: [officeinf@stalphege.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:officeinf@stalphege.solihull.sch.uk) or 0121 705 0443. Please note this is an opportunity for only parents/carers to view the school.

**St Alphege Pre-School Open Afternoon, Thursday 17th October.** If your child will be 3 years old between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, please come along to meet the staff, see our classroom and forest school. To book a visit please email: [manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk](mailto:manager@stalphege-preschool.org.uk) or sign up at Little Movers or Little Treasures.

**Heating pipework repair** - is programmed to start Monday 21st October. There may be some disruption in the vestry and toilets at times may have to be accessed via the outside vestry door.

**Parking permits** - Regular worshippers parking permits are up for renewal from September 2019. These are available to purchase at the Parish Office. £10 per permit.

Preparing for Harvest Festival - Wanted by Sparkhill Food Bank: small bags of sugar, instant mash, dried milk and Ryvitas or similar. Clothing bank: Warm tights for 5 year old girl. Narthex: Double duvet covers and family box of biscuits for Reception area.

**Supporting WaterAid this Harvest time** - our retiring collections on Sunday 13th October will go to support this amazing UK based Charity, working tirelessly to bring clean water to drink, decent toilets and basic hygiene to some of the most marginalised and poor Communities in our world. Thank you for all the support in past years. Please gift aid if possible

### **Growing Disciples, Building Community, Transforming Lives**

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